

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 6-20, and 22-25 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 23, 24, and 25 are amended. The amendments made to the claims do not alter the scope of these claims, nor have these amendments been made to define over the prior art. Rather, the amendments to the claims have been made to improve the form thereof. In light of the amendments and remarks set forth below, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending claims is in immediate condition for allowance.

The pending claims were previously rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in view of U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0103519 ("Balasundram"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and submit that the pending claims are allowable over the cited combination.

Among the limitations of the independent claims not present in the cited references are a chip select line associated with each of the second semiconductor chips and wherein a first portion of data transmitted in a frame is intended for a first semiconductor chip, and second portion of the data transmitted in this frame is intended for a second semiconductor chip as designated by data on the chip select line.

The admitted prior art fails to disclose a chip select line and the associated data as recited in the claim. Further, Balasundram fails to cure this deficiency in the prior art. Thus, the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants has responded to all of the rejections and objections recited in the Office Action. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application

is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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